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Illegal Alien Sentenced on Federal Criminal Charge

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Geraldo Pineda-Sanch**, 28, an alien from the Dominican Republic, was sentenced on August 6, 2007, in U.S. District Court in Bangor, to 108 days of imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release. Pineda-Sanch pleaded guilty on May 18, 2007, to Making a False Statement to a U.S. Border Patrol Agent.

Court records reveal that on April 19, 2007, the United States Border Patrol was conducting a border patrol immigration checkpoint in the southbound lanes on I-95. The defendant was driving a vehicle that was stopped at the checkpoint. He provided a false name to agents and he claimed that he was from Puerto Rico. Official immigration records show that the defendant was born in the Dominican Republic. Those records showed that the defendant, an alien, had been ordered removed from the United States on November 5, 2001.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Department of Homeland Security, United States Customs and Border Protection.

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